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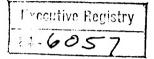
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The Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:
Thank you for your letter of July 26, 1984, regarding the
appointment of to be Deputy Director of
the CIA's Office of Legislative Liaison and the reassignment
of to be "Counsel to the Directorate of
Operations."
I know that has had prior experience in legisla-
tive liaison work, particularly in connection with Intelligence
Community budget matters. This should prove to be extremely
valuable. I congratulate you on what appears to be an
excellent appointment.
Also, I am pleased with the selection of and
am happy to know that he will continue to be involved in the
effort to enact S. 1324, our FOIA bill. has
rendered yeoman service in this area. I know that he is
eminently qualified for his new position. However, this
appointment does give rise to some concerns which I want to
share with you.
Bill, concern about maintaining a strong Office of General
Counsel at the Agency dates back to the Rockefeller Commission.
I think it is very important that the CIA not create the
perception that the Directorate of Operations is seeking to
function without the benefit of legal 'advice from the
General Counsel. The Committee staff has been assured
informally that the intent is to have report
directly to, and be guided by the legal views of, the

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General Counsel. If this is the case, I see no problem, and I would only suggest that this crucial relationship be made explicit in any announcement or comment that the Agency might make on the appointment. The last thing we need right now is to resurrect an issue that was laid to restrict ago.

Sincerely,

Barry Goldwater

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